

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 12, 2004. Claims 1, 3, and 18 are pending in this application. Claims 4 and 6 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1 and 18 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

First, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 1, 3, and 18 have been allowed. Applicant submits that since pending Claims 1, 3, and 18 are allowable, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejected Claims 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of written description. Cancellation of Claims 4 and 6 renders this rejection moot.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed to place this application in condition for allowance since the Examiner previously indicated that Pending Claims 1, 3, and 18 are allowable, and, therefore, its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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